



## ATTACHMENT A

### Remarks

By this Amendment, minor changes have been made in the specification to conform with US practice. In the claims, independent claim 1 has been amended for clarity and to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 5 now canceled. Other dependent claims have also been amended consistent with the changes to independent claim 1 and/or for clarity. It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

Initially, it will be appreciated that the specification has been amended to remove the references to the subject matters recited in the claims as generally desired for US practice.

In the initial *Allowable Subject Matter* section of the DETAILED ACTION, it was indicated that the subject matter of dependent claim 5 was allowable. This indication of allowable subject matter is appreciated. In response thereto, the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 5 (now canceled), including the associated subject matter dependent claim 3, has been added to claim 1. It is submitted that the subject matters of claim 4 from which claim 5 immediately depended, as well as the remaining subject matter of claim 3 from which claim 4 depended are not part of the allowable subject matter needed to be added to claim 1 for allowance. However, if the examiner disagrees, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned so that a further amendment consistent with the allowable subject matter of claim 5 can be made to claim 1 to achieve immediate allowance of claim 1.

In view of the above, it is submitted that amended independent claim 1, now including the allowable subject matter of claim 5, now contains allowable subject matter. Likewise, it is submitted that the remaining claims also contain allowable subject matter by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

In the *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112* section, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 9 and 10 were rejected as being indefinite for the noted problems. By this Amendment, suitable corrections of a self-evident nature have been made to overcome the noted problems. It will be noted that the second range of claim 9 is now presented in new claim 12. It will also be noted that various other changes have been made to the claims for greater clarity in accordance with US practice.

In the *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103* section, independent claim 1 and various dependent claims were rejected under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious over the noted art. However, as noted above, the allowable subject matter of claim 5 has been added to independent claim 1 to make claim 1 and the remaining dependent claims all allowable over this art.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.